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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - AFGHANISTAN

¶1. LEAD STORIES: Most Friday morning papers gave top play to the Japanese government's plans to revive Japan Airlines under the control of a joint corporation composed of the government and private-sector financial institutions.

¶2. "Japan Extending No Help to Allies" The conservative Sankei editorialized (10/30): "... The public security situation in Afghanistan is rapidly deteriorating... The international community cannot simply stand by and watch. Nevertheless, Japan, an ally of the U.S., has been unable to propose any effective measures... Prime Minister Hatoyama should have the same sense of crisis held by other nations. He referred to Japan's civilian assistance measures, such as agricultural support, vocational training for former soldiers, and strengthening of police functions during his policy speech in the Diet. However, his idea seems to be detached from the reality of the situation. The public security situation in Afghanistan is worsening, and as the need for military protection increases, the number of civilians sent to the country will have to be scaled back."

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